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5. [redacted] Hand carried to Proctor Jones, on the staff of Senator Richard Russell (D., Ga.), the Director's personal letter to Jones.

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6. [redacted] Made arrangements with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for his visit to the Agency tomorrow for a briefing on the Agency budget and related matters.

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7. [redacted] Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him on the SL-12. Mr. Wilson advised that Representative Olin Teague (D., Texas) has returned to Texas over the weekend [redacted]

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[redacted] No further mention has been made by the Chairman of an Agency briefing for selected senior members of the Committee. Mr. Wilson is letting it ride for the present.

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[redacted] In response to his call, met with Mr. Gil LeKander, Administrative Assistant to Representative Frank Bow (R., Ohio), who showed me a letter from an old friend of Representative Bow, a Mr. [redacted] Florida, who is interested in employment with AIR America. Representative Bow had forwarded the letter to Mr. LeKander requesting that he contact this office and see what could be done to assist [redacted] who at one time was the flight instructor for the

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[redacted] I referred Mr. LeKander directly to the Air America offices downtown. [redacted] has been advised.

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[redacted] Met with Mr. John Blandford, House Armed Services Committee staff, who advised that the dates for Committee hearings are not settled and will be subject to determination by the Chairman. Although the Chairman will want the DCI to meet with the CIA Subcommittee, no determination has been made as to whether the Director will be asked to brief the full Committee during March. Mr. Blandford also advised that matters deemed to be of interest to the Chairman should be taken directly to him rather than being channeled through Mr. Blandford for relay. This request to take matters for the Chairman directly to him is being made to DOD and military department representatives. Mr. Blandford gave me a copy of the William Beecher article in the New York Times titled "U.S. Satellites Detect Soviet ICBMs in Medium-Range Missile Complexes" and requested Agency comment on the article by this afternoon if possible.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on several items of current intelligence interest. (See Me Approved For Release 2003/09/30 : CIA-RDP72-00337R000100190028-8)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of John Blandford on Items of Current  
Intelligence Interest

1. Due to the absences from the office of Mr. John Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, today's meeting was my first with him in several weeks. I briefed him in general terms on the current situation in Laos and advised him that this is a matter that should be brought to the Chairman's attention. I also told him that we would have a more detailed reading on Laos within the next day or so. In response, Mr. Blandford told me that he is advising each of the departments and agencies that maintain liaison with the Committee he is no longer the conduit for information that must be given to the Chairman, but that it would be his recommendation that when there is material we feel should be brought to the Chairman's attention, we take it directly to him. Mr. Blandford was neither apologetic nor officious in relating this request, but was firm in his pronouncement that matters of interest to the Chairman should be taken to the Chairman.

2. I reviewed with Mr. Blandford the Agency comments on the Soviet satellite destroyer article in the New York Times, 6 February and the Agency memorandum of 4 February on [redacted] I also briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items:

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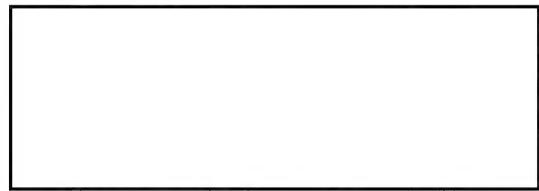
- a. ChiCom destroyer refitting and construction;
- b. Egyptian supersonic aircraft pilot strength and training;
- c. Soviet replenishing of military equipment inventory and defensive capabilities;
- d. civil disturbances in China;
- e. North Vietnamese January infiltration rate;
- f. Soviet leadership concern for Middle East policies;

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- g. SS-13 tests;
- h. Soviet helicopter carrier Moskva return to the Mediterranean;
- i. SL-12 booster;
- j. North Vietnamese surface-to-air missile locations near Laotian border;
- k. ChiCom improvement of defensive installations along Soviet-Manchurian border;
- l. Y-class submarine from northern fleet to North Atlantic patrol.

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